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OC pushes to keep vaccinating

Disneyland site, which is closed today because of high winds, is inoculating about 3,000 a day

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As vaccination drives gain momentum, the U.S. surpassed 400,000 COVID-19 deaths on Tuesday as the winter surge's toll in Orange County became clearer.

At the same time, public health officials are hopeful the pandemic's worst period so far may soon be behind us as coronavirus metrics improve.

About 109,000 vaccines — 89,000 first doses and 20,000 second doses — had been administered in Orange County by Sunday, a month after the first shots were given by hospitals immunizing their workers, according to OC Health Care Agency data released Tuesday.

Of 3.2 million vaccines shipped to the state, at least 1.5 million doses had been administered by Tuesday, said California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly during a news conference. A proportion of the

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People exit the COVID-19 vaccination site at a Disneyland parking lot in Anaheim on Jan. 13. About 3,000 people a day are receiving inoculations.

JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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BIDEN AND HARRIS REFLECT ON TIMES

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President-elect Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, along with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff, stand during a COVID-19 moment of reflection that included 400 lights placed around the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on Tuesday in Washington.

A somber observance: They spend inauguration eve focusing on U.S. lives lost to the coronavirus pandemic

By Bill Barrow and Aamer Madhani
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Hours from inauguration, President-elect Joe Biden paused on what might have been his triumphal entrance to Washington on Tuesday night to instead mark the national tragedy of the coronavirus pandemic with a moment of collective grief for Americans lost.

INSIDE: Southland police, sheriff's deputies on high alert for inauguration after recent violence. **PAGE A11**

His arrival coincided with the awful news that the U.S. death toll had surpassed 400,000 in the worst public health crisis in more than a century, a crisis Biden will now be charged with controlling.

"To heal, we must remember," the

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President Donald Trump delivers his farewell address to the nation Tuesday via a video released on YouTube, as seen here on a monitor in the Brady Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, D.C.

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Washington: Trump wishes new administration luck in a farewell video as he prepares to issue a wave of pardons

By Jill Colvin and Jonathan Lemire
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Trying to repair his tarnished legacy, President Donald Trump trumpeted his administration's accomplishments and wished his successor luck in a farewell video as he spent his final full day in office preparing to issue a flurry of pardons in a near-deserted White House, surrounded by an extraordinary security presence outside.

"This week we inaugurate a new administration and pray for its success in keeping America safe and prosperous,"

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IMMIGRATION

Locals put faith in Biden reforms

Incoming president has pledged to undo many Trump policies

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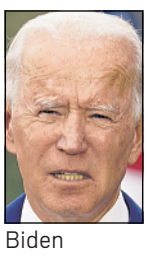
Immigrants and their advocates in Southern California are excited about the prospects of immigration reform that could come shortly after President-elect Joe Biden is sworn into office.

The new president is expected to reverse a slew of Trump administration policies and introduce legislation that could give millions of people living in the country illegally a chance to become citizens after an eight-year process.



Biden

Some actions are expected quickly, via executive order and other policy moves. They include reversing the ban on travel to the United States from some Muslim majority countries, and a directive to reunite immigrant children who in 2018 were separated from their families by the Trump administration and have yet to be reunified.

Other moves could take longer. These include everything from restoring U.S. protections for asylum seekers to implementing foreign policies that might address some of the issues that drive Central American immigrants to trek to the United States.

"Immigrants have been under assault," said Ally Bolour, a Los Angeles-based attorney who serves on the board of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. "It's a breath of fresh air that Biden and (Vice President-elect Kamala) Harris have chosen immigration reform as one of their first topics."

But for people who supported Donald Trump, in part because of his hard-line approach to illegal immigration, the prospect of the Biden administration undoing Trump's work is foolhardy.

"Biden's immigration plan is wrongheaded and seems to ignore the suffering of the unemployed

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Pastor Donald Dermit talks with homeless people at Ford Park in Fullerton on Tuesday. Dermit was asking if they'd be willing to get a COVID-19 vaccination when it's available.

CORONAVIRUS

CalOptima gets creative with public vaccination strategies

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Health experts say that to combat the coronavirus pandemic it's critical to vaccinate as many people as possible, meaning the inoculation efforts by CalOptima — the county's Medi-Cal insurance program that covers nearly 775,000 poor and disabled people — are crucial.

And possibly costly. To encourage clients to roll up their sleeves for the COVID-19 vaccine, CalOptima plans to offer each customer a $25 gift card for getting the first shot, followed a few weeks later by an identical in-

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WEATHER

Strong Santa Ana winds create havoc in Southland

Gusts cause trees to crash into homes, down power lines and topple large trucks. **PAGE A3**

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